



Connecticut Department of Public Health

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Committee**

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Senate Bill 1010 – An Act Concerning Supplemental First Responder Licenses

The Department of Public Health is opposed to Senate Bill 1010. Senate Bill 1010 proposes to change the process by which an Emergency Medical Services organization applies to the Department of Public Health for a certificate to operate at the First Responder level.

Currently, the EMS organization must obtain approval from the municipality and the designated Primary Service Area Responder (PSAR) when applying for a certificate to operate as a Supplemental First Responder. This proactive approach is integral to assuring communication and cooperation between emergency responders, creating an optimal coordinated emergency response.

The proposed modification will circumvent this established process and the change could result in a disorganized, potentially chaotic approach to providing emergency medical care. It is in direct opposition to the planned, tiered system of emergency medical response which DPH regulates.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony